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The net total circulation of The Washington Times (daily) during the month of September was 1,607,412, all copies left over and returned being eliminated. This number, when divided by 26, the number of days of publication, shows the net daily average for September to have been 54,131.

September, 1911, includes 29,109 extra papers sold on Labor Day and 39,836 extra papers (Reattle verdict) sold on September 3. Deducting these figures, the average net circulation for September is shown to have been 51,478.

Sunday.

The number of complete and perfect copies f The Washington Times printed Sundays uring the month of September was as fol-

The net total circulation of The Washington Times (Sunday) during the month of Septem-ber was 185,600, all copies left over and re-turned by agents being eliminated. This number, when divided by 4, the number of Sundays during September, shows the net Sunday average for September to have been 44,400.

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The dove of peace just naturally refuses to roost around the Board of Ed-

The local fan now looks as vacant and disconsolate as if he had drained

the last drop from the fountain of human happiness. The Alexandria police have devised Eystein of signals which make it easy to catch speeding automobilists or motor-

after them until they are pinched. The winter league will now begin Frenchy will have charge of the stove Home-runs and triples will be knocked over, and bases restolen. This dope is better than none at all until next April.

cycle riders. They don't know what's

The Washington man who is suing his wife for divorce because she threw cups and plates at him, has one consolation. If he gets the divorce he will not have to buy any more dishes in that home

Nine new members have just joined the Chamber of Commerce. The indications increase that the present winter will be one of the most active in the history of the institution, and there is much to be done.

The Chamber of Commerce is laboring with the details of Robert N. Harper's financing plan for assisting manufacturing companies in the District Another committee meeting has been called to discuss it this afternoon.

State Senator Blair Lee, of Mont gomery county, who lost the guber natorial nomination to Mr. Gorman is to stump for the Democratic ticket in his own county. His utterances are anxiously awaited by all Democratic

In view of Henry P. Blair's declaration for the need of close co-operation between parents and school teachers it is gratifying to hear from Superintendent Davidson that Washington is far ther advanced in this respect than other

What's this? Dr. Wiley wanting to throw out chemistry from the curriculum of public schools in favor of "some thing practical?" The opinion prevails rather generally that in the hands of the doctor, chemistry has been made powerful practical.

Through car service to Congress Heights is almost a reality. Residents of the suburb are rejoicing because General Manager Fuller, of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, has promised that the cars will probably be running by November 15.

A District defendant will ask the Supreme Court of the United States to decide whether a gambling house can properly be described as a "disorderly" house, when there is really no disorder Thus far, apparently, the courts have simply taken it for granted that some thing would break loose when a fellow was caught bluffling on a bob-tailed

#### A HEROINE HONORED BY THE WHOLE NATION.

Ida Lewis was well termed the "Grace Darling of America." The plucky English girl made one prodigious effort that has endeared her ever since to all who are proud to subscribe to the statement that it is the supreme test of humanity to brave death in order to rescue another. The American woman spent a whole life time performing prodigies of skill and daring.

Like the famous English heroine, whose place she took as uncrowned queen of the North Atlantic lighthouse service, Ida Lewis, or Mrs. Wilson, as she was known in private life, a monogram pin for the C. C. C. C. in France is called Les Dames for enjoyed the gratitude of a nation, and At the same time it should not be the reason that the mocker who thus unsought though it was, it must have a difficult matter to make a success christened it wished to imply that it proved cheering. Medals have their of the Capital City Chess and Checker was essentially a game for women. place, and a pension may indeed be Club, which was organized on Wednesthrice welcome, but the finest feelings day night. The membership will prob- presents an interesting field, and those of the country found expression in this ably include some of the most promi- who delight in rummaging in the case in the messages of thanks which nent and intellectual men in the Dis- musty archives have given us a whole the heroine received from Congress and trict, for chess, particularly, has been literature in regard to the game. No-

# The Steel Suit the Climax of Anti-**Trust Litigations**

In filing suit under the Sherman anti-trust act for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, the National Administration serves notice of its definite purpose to carry the enforcement of that law to the utmost limits. President Taft in some of his speeches on the present tour, has declared that the Sherman act is the statement of the national policy toward great combinations, and that he does not consider it requires amendment. Adjudicated finally in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases, he appraised it as a "useful

The Sherman-law policy of the Taft Administration is brought into acute contrast with that of the Roosevelt regime. Mr. Roosevelt seemed to agree, in general, with that construction which the Supreme Court afterward put upon the law, demanding its interpretation and execution in the "light of reason." He believed that frankness and openness in dealing with the public were to be accounted very real virtues. These virtues the Steel Corporation has been credited with in a degree rather unusual among corporations of its character.

All these considerations are brushed aside by the Taft Administration. When in an exigency of financial pressure, the Steel Corporation desired to take over control of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, officials of the former submitted a statement of their pur pose to Mr. Roosevelt, and asked permission to take the step. The permission was given.

Thus it became a part of the governmental policy to allow that absorption. That permission was Mr. Roosevelt's way of reading the "light of reason" condition into his law-enforcement policy.

But in the petition for dissolution of the corporation, the Tennessee Coal and Iron transaction is severely attacked; it is charged that President Roosevelt was misled; that the whole situation was not laid before him; that real motives were concealed, and disingenuous explanations given to him.

As to all this, the Government's petition admits that the facts are not all clear. The whole truth can be known only following a trial and the taking of much evidence. But one thing stands out very clear from this contrast of the policies of two successive adminis-

The fact is, that the law meant one thing to one President, and means another thing to another President. There has not been the change of a line or letter in the act; yet the thing which Mr. Roosevelt authorized becomes the object of his successor's attack. 'The policy which Roosevelt developed is cast aside by his successor.

Business, in such conditions, manifestly can feel no security in its position. The law is the same now as in 1907; but the business transaction which in 1907 was vised and approved at the White House is repudiated and accounted an offense at the White House

Permanence, uniformity, continuity of conditions, are absolutely ecessary to the safe and secure conduct of business, great or small These things, plainly, the country has not yet secured under the antitrust law. It has been on the statute books twenty-one years. Passed originally with the clear intention that it was to have application to industrial combinations only, and not to railroads, it was applied to railroads in the Traffic Association and Northern Securities cases, and denied application to industrials in the Knight or Sugar trust cases. Thus in the first decade of its existence it was literally turned topsy-turvy from its original status. In the next decade, it was taken in hand by another set of interpreters and interpretations, and again tipped upside down; it was given rigorous application to industrials in the Tobacco and Standard Oil cases, and denied that application to railroads in the Harriman system case!

Add to this remarkable record the showing of ready reversal of form in the Steel Corporation-Tennessee affair, as just stated, and it is apparent that there has been no uniformity of meaning, interpretation, policy or procedure under this act.

As to the Steel Corporation itself, investors will find reassurance in the fact that the Government's petition admits that today the properties are of such value that the securities do not seem likely to suffer much discounting. It is stated that the valuation of the properties was fixed by the Bureau of Corporations at \$1,187,000,000. Its capitalization being, at par, \$1,468,000,000, it will be seen that there is value back of the securities to maintain them at present market prices.

It is the strong conviction of The Times that the Government should not, any more than an individual, brand any man or group of men as dishonest, as malefactors, as law violators, until it has the proof of its charges. The Times does not believe that Judge Gary and his associates have deserved thus to be branded. It does not believe that, as the Government petition alleges, they were trying to get that which did not belong to them, to manipulate the market or the financial situation, to perform any reprehensible act toward individuals or toward any corporation, or to mislead the then President Roosevelt, in connection with the Tennessee Coal and Iron affair. To this measure of justice all men are entitled. Nobody is presumed to be guilty till he is so proved.

## ROYAL GAME OF CHESS.

NEW INTEREST IN THE thousand years. Checkers, while re quiring a certain amount of mental effort, is not even in the class with It will be no easy matter to make the nobler and more apcient game, and

But the very genealogy of chess the delight of such men for five body would undertake to say how old

is anything which had its birth in the mysterious heart of India. The most that can be said in this connection is that a game known as "chaturanga" was known to the Hindus three thousand years before Christ. It was substantially the game of chess, though, as the etymology of the name signifies, it was played by four people.

From India the game spread to Persia and thence into Arabia. Modified from time to time in the course of its wanderings it was finally introduced by the Moors into Spain and other parts of western Europe in the eighth century, bringing with it the name of "chess," which is directly derived from the Persian "shah," or king. It is probable that the game had become known in eastern Europe even before it reached Spain, and it is certain that it was well known in England before the Norman conquest.

England and the Continent have produced many phenomenal chess players, several of whom have been able to play the game blindfolded, and in America Paul Morphy probably stands at the head of a long list of chess geniuses. It has been a favorite game with kings and with the common people. Tradition has it that Napoleon worked out the plan of his battles on the chess board, and it is certain that Lorimer Deland evolved therefrom the principle of the flying wedge which has practically transformed the game of football.

Washington has a large number of skillful players, and there is every reason to assume that the Capital City Chess and Checker Club will prove a pronounced success.

### Reward Offered For Capture Of Thief

Five thousand circulars offering rewards amounting to \$300 for the arrest of the thief and the recovery of the ewelry stolen Wednesday afternoon from the home of H. Clay Stewart, a wealthy real estate operator, at 1022 Eleventh street northwest, were sent out by the police today.

A reward of \$100 will be paid by the Police Department for the arrest, and Mr. Stewart will pay a reward of \$200 for the recovery of the property.

The thief, who gained an entrance to the Stewart home on the pretext that he was a "boss" painter, who had come to oversee some work being done on the house, is described as about forty years old, five feet eight or nine, 180 or 190 pounds; red, smooth face, gray suit, and had the appearance of a mechanic. A detailed description of the jewelry, valued at nearly \$4,000, is also given. Eleventh street northwest, were sent out

### What's on the Program in Washington Today

The following Masonic organizations will meet tonight: Lodge-Hope, No. 20, grand visitation. Eastern Star Chapters-Takoma, No. 12; Cathedral,

No. 14.

The following Knights of Pythias organizations will meet tonight: Lodges—Syracusians, No. 10, official visit of grand lodge officers; Rathbone-Superior, No. 29, business. Pythian Sisters—Rathbone Temple, No. 8, business.

The following I. O. O. F. organizations will meet tonight: Lodges—Central No. 1, and Metropolis, No. 16, degree work. Rebekah Degree—Dorcas, No. 4, degree work. O. U. A. M., 419 Tenth street north-

west, 8 p. m. Meeting of Seneca Tribe, No. 11, I. O. R. M., 316 Pennsylvania avenue south-east, 8 p. m. Meeting of Mineola Tribe, No. 14, I. O.

Meeting of White Eagle Tribe, No. 17, I. O. R. M., Fifth and G streets north-I. O. R. M., Fifth and G streets northwest, 8 p. m.

Meeting of Idaho Council, No. 1, Degree of Pocohontas, Twelfth and H streets northeast, 8 p. m.

Meeting of Camp No. 4, P. O. A., 623 Louisiana avenue northwest, 8 p. m.

Meeting of Camp No. 10, P. O. A., Odd Fellows Hall, Georgetown, 8 p. m.

Concert by the United States Soldiers' Home Band, Soldiers' Home, 3:30 p. m.

Concert by the Fifteenth United States Cavalry Band, Fort Myer, 7:30 p. m.

### Amusements.

National—"Uncle Sam," 8:15 p. m. Belasco—"The Chocolate Soldier," 8:20 p. m. Columbia-"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," 8:15 p. m. Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 2:15 and 5:1: p. m. Casino-Vaudeville, 2:15, 7:15, and 9 p. m. Cosmos—Continuous vaudeville.
Academy—"The Real Girl," 8:15 p. m.
Majestic—"The Prince Chap," evening.
Gayety—"The Girls From Happyland,"
2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
Lyceum—"The Cozy Corner Girls," 2:15
and 8:15 p. m. Lyceum—"The Cozy Corner Girls, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Arcade—Skating, dancing, bowling, and motion pictures.

## Concert Today

By the Fifteenth Cavalry Band, at Fort Myer, Va., at 7:30 p. m.

GEORGE F. TYRRELL, Director.

PROGRAM. March, "Colonel Augur" ..... Tyrrell Excerpts from selection, "Katle (a) Waltz, "The Druid's Prayer"

(b) Waltz, "The Pink Lady" .. Caryll Intermezzo, "Rollicking Friars," Klein Selection, "The Girl in the Train,"

Song without words, "To Her," (by request)......Bolling Finale, "Noisy Bill".....Losey "The Star-Spangled Banner."

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band, This Afternoon at 3:30 o'Clock.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director. PROGRAM.

March, "The New Ebbitt" Zimmerman Overture, "Soldiers and Sweethearts".....Bergenholts Entr'acte-(a) "Simple Aveu" .. Thome (b) "Aubade" ..... Massenet Selection, "Cavalleria Rusticana,"

Rag oddity, "Rag-a-Tag" .. Planditosi Excerpts from "Jacinta" ..... Bobyn Finale, "Napoleon's Last Charge,"

"The Star-Spangled Banner."

# Jula Murdock Says "The Chocolate Soldier" Not a Menace to Reign of Dame Fashion



LILLIAN POLL In "The Chocolate Soldier."

# In the Mail Bag

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their ewn-to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter not objectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must not, however, exceed 200 words in length, and must be written only on one side of the paper. Letters must in every case bear the name and address of the writer as evidence of good faith, but the name will not be made public without the consent of the contributor. Address MAIL BAG EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

### CRITICISES DAVIDSON'S

ENGLISH AND HISTORY

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

Some of those who heard the address of Dr. William M. Davidson, superintendent of schools, at the Public Library on Wednesday night, were sur-prised by his very frequent use of the term "tremenjous," instead of "tremen-dous." It does seem that a man of the station of Dr. Davidson should be able to pronounce correctly so common a word as the one mentioned. Surprise was further created in the

a word as the one mentioned.
Surprise was further created in the minds of some of his hearers by his reference to the great public school systems of this country, one of which, to quote from memory, "yonder in Kentucky produced that great statesman, Abraham Lincion." The writer is under the impression, though he may be wrong, that Abraham Lincoln was denied the privileges of the public schools. nied the privileges of the public schools, and that the lightwood knot and the midnight hour constituted in large measure his educational opportunities.

#### GREATER RESPECT FOR AMERICAN FLAG

To the Editor of THE TIMES: The conversation quoted below was

overheard in a Washington barbership recently.

It is necessary to state that the perbarber himself, a veteran of the civil war and a man of the "good old stock" of ante-bellum days, and one of his

customers, a man of some intelligence and powers of observation.

Barber: "What do you think of the incident reported from Perth Amboy. N. J., where a young schoolgir! refused to salute the American flag and was sustained in her action by her foreignborn parents?"

Customer: "I certainly think she should be excluded from the benefit of an American school education, and that foreigners who make their living in this country, and are protected by its laws, should be only too glad to pay proper respect and allegiance to the land of their adoption. I have in the past been somewhat severe on the shortcomings of the American people, their money somewhat severe on the shortcomings of the American people, their money madness, the surging waves of public and business dishonesty, "graft," defalcations, miscarriages of justice, political corruption, etc., all too clearly pointing in a direction ominous for the future welfare of the country. But future welfare of the country of this

ARMY.

First Lieutenant GUSTAVE A. WIES-ER, Fifteenth Infantry, will proceed to join his regiment in the Philip-

Captain MACK K. CUNNINGHAM.
Signal Corps, will report to Major
General WILLIAM H. CARTER,
United States army, president of an
army retiring board at Washington,
D. C., for examination.

NAVY.

The following naval orders have been

Rear Admiral W. A. MARSHALL, re-tired, detached duty as commandant, navy yard, Norfolk, Va., and com-mand of the Fifth naval district; to

captain R. M. DOYLE, detached duty as captain of the yard, navy yard. Norfolk, Va.: to duty as commandant, navy yard, Norfolk, Va., and in command of the Fifth naval district. Lieutenant Commander C. C. FEWEL, detached Pennsylvania; to Nava

pines division.

ssued:

so. If every native American were to point out the fallacies of present day political and economic conditions and earnestly endeavor to correct them, pay more attention to his civic duties than the pay to hashall earnestly endeavor to correct them, pay to hashall earnestly endeavor to correct them. more attention to his civic duties than to baseball and prize-fighting and pull dina. To appreciate the dress you must more together with his fellows and less examine it c'osely, as I did. It is impossible to see all the details from the this country would be far brighter than the country would be considered to the country would b

of its practice, if this republic is to endure under its present form of gov-ernment, S. M. G.

### UDGE DE LACY FOLLOWED ONLY POSSIBLE COURSE

seems to be entirely of another sort and one with which that court or judge has no jurisdiction.

The letter of the aunt and the news-

paper accounts seem to show that an outrage has been committed by men over seventeen on this girl, and if this be so then such men if formut guilty may be sent to the pententiary for thirty years or hung.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS

Hospital, Washington, D. C., for treatment, usign R. S. YOUNG, to Naval Hos-pital, Washington, D. C., for observ-

ation and report.

Midshipman G. F. JACOBS, detached
Minnesota, November 23, 1911; to
Hartford.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived-Washington, Salem, Arethusa, and Brutus at New York, Raleigh

Abarenda at Taku

and Brutus at New York, Raleigh, Cincinnati, and Prometheus at San

Diego, Macdonough at Norfolk, and

Abarenda at Taku,
lied-Octopus from New London for
Bridgeport, Bagley, Balley, Biddle,
Dahlgren, Dupont, DeLong, Shubrick, Stockton, Stringham, Worden
and Kansas from Norfolk for New
York; Idaho from Philaediphia for
New York, Mars from Sewall Point
for New York, Castine, Severn from
Newport for New York; Craven from
Morehead City for Norfolk, Chester
from Trieste for Malta, Decatur
from Siakwan for Chinkiang Rainbow from Manila for Snanghai,

Piece Has None Of The Slam-Bang Variety Of Humor.

### STRAUSS' MUSIC HAS OLD APPEAL

Three Companies On Road Net Producers \$40,000 Weekly.

Popular as "The Chocolate Soldier" has proven, one doubts if it will ever set the fashion in women's clothes. None of the girls or women who has been at the Belasco this week to hear Oscar Strauss' entrancing melodies has proclaimed her intention of being married in a hat similar to the wedding hat worn by Nadina in the last act.

And yet that wedding bonnet, curiously laden with the fruits of fields and hung with long strings of coins is not so utterly dissimilar to the hats which the women of America and Europe wore a year or so ago. The shape is a little different, but the trimming is much the same. Where, by the way, are the

hats of yesteryear?
"The Chocolate Soldier" many points of departure for comment. but, continuing on the clothes theme for a few minutes, let me tell you that the assertion of F. C. Whitney, the producer, that the Bulgarian costumes worn are absolutely correct reproductions of native Bulgar costumes is a truthful statement. In some cases, in fact, the costumes of the company were made by Bulgarian peasant girls, embroidering stitch after stitch in the long winter nights. More originals would be worn by the principals and chorus girls if the American chorus girl and the Bulgar maiden were not slightly different in avoirdupois, the excess weight being carried by the Balkan girls.

Chorus Girls

Not Too Plump. Truth to .ell, there are one or two husky damsels in the chorus of "The Chocolate Soldier." but, taking them by and large, hither and yon, as it were they are not a too plum and chubby lot These original dresses were picked up by Mr. Whitney's agent in the mountain-side huts where the Bulgarian peasant girls live and a veristic press agent hints at experience with banditti in traveling through the country. Anyhow the fathers of the Bulgarian girls proved bandit-like in the prices they demanded for their daughters' handiwork.

Of all the lavishly embroidered garments, the most elaborate is the wedding dress worn by Nadina, together with the fruits and flowers hat. "The fruits on the bonnet symbolize the fruition of the girl's hopes, her marriage to her peasant or soldier lover," says the press agent, Assuming this to be true, and it undoubtedly is, we obkind, believe me to be on the side of rue Americanism." Barber: "I am glad to hear you say to the right man

other side of the footlights.

this country would be far brighter than it is today. I consider you a better American than a good many natives of my own acquaintance."

It may be added that this wise barber should have suggested the establishment of a special public school department devoted to the inculcation of morals, respect for older people, common honesty, and the absolute necessity of its practice, if this republic is to endure under its present form of government.

S. M. G.

Play Has

Peculiar Appeal.

Changing to quite another theme it is interesting to observe what remarkably To the Editor of THE TIMES:

I have read the letter of Mrs. Ida
F. Paimer in your paper about Mrs.
Lillian Schenck and her case. Have also read several items in other papers about it. There seems to be a general misunderstanding about such matters and the part which the Juvenile Court and its judge have a right to take in affairs of this kind.

If the girl has committed any offense and is under seventeen that court has a right to give her a trial, and if found guilty to punish her. But the case seems to be entirely of another sort and different things make people laugh. "The Chocolate Soldier" affords little

the sophisticated.

But the cynical candor, the trank cowardice, of Lieutenant Bummerle—a candor which after all, is more honest than a great deal of bravura posing as a hero-is amusing-more generally amusing than one might have imagined

beforehand.

The character is described in the famous letter song as somewhat "flip and pert" and if one adds to these the ad-jective insouciant, the case is fairly well covered. "Insouciant" is not a thirty years or hung.

Inquiry into the facts and trial for the offense are solely within the jurisdiction of the United States Attorney and the Supreme Court of the District, and all said and done in regard to it by the judge of the Juvenile Court are wholly without any right or authority and must be subversive of right administration of justice in the District.

The judge of that court having no jurisdiction in this case any more than if a murder case he has no right to hold hearings, or examine or send for witnesses or letters or see or read same, and any one who suffers prejudice or solved or not.

solved or not.

Tomorrow Miss Murdock will present an interview with Mabel McKinley, who is appearing this week in the Casino Theater. Miss McKinley explains to Miss Murdock why she is singing in popular priced houses.

### Times Praised by Policemen's Association

Managing Editor.

Sir: I have been directed by the Policemen's Association of the District of Columbia to assure you of our earnest appreciation of the valuable service now being so forcefully rendered by your editorials in the effort to secure just and equitable pension legislation for the police and firemen. Again we thank Very respectfully,

J. E. THOMPSON, Recording Secretary. Washington, October 28.